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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Official Action mailed October 26, 2007, which imposed a Restriction Requirement in the present application. Accordingly, Applicant makes the following election and requests that examination of the elected claims on their merits be promptly conducted in light of the following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Office alleges that the present application contains claims drawn to four independent and patentably distinct inventions. The claims are grouped as follows:

Claim Group 1: Claims 1-20, 55 and 56;

Claim Group 2: Claims 21-41;

Claim Group 3: Claims 42-48; and

Claim Group 4: Claims 49-54 and 57-59.

In response, Applicant elects Claim Group 1, claims 1-20, 55 and 56 for immediate examination.

The recent Office Action also holds that Claim Groups 1 and 2 contain claims to two patentably distinct species and requires that Applicant elect one species for present examination. The species are identified as follows.

Species 1: vesicles formed from lipids; and

Species 2: vesicles formed from di-block polymers.

Within Claim Group 1, the claims appear to be divided among the indicated species as follows.

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Generic to both species: claims 1-4, 7-20, 55 and 56.

Specific to Species 1: claims 5

Specific to Species 2: claims 6

In response, Applicant elects Species 1. for immediate examination.

The recent Office Action also holds that Claim Group 1 contains claims to another set of patentably distinct species identified as follows.

Species (a): claim 16;

Species (b): claim 17;

Species (c): claim 18;

Species (d) claim 19; and

Species (e) claim 20.

All the claims in Claim Group 1 not listed immediately above are considered to be generic to all of Species (a)-(e). In response, Applicant hereby elects Species (a), claim 16, for immediate examination

In sum, following Applicant's elections above, claims 1-5, 7-16, 55 and 56, for immediate examination. All other original claims are labeled as "withdrawn" herein.

Applicant does not disclaim the subject matter of any withdrawn claim and reserves the right to file any number of continuation or divisional applications to the withdrawn claims or to any other subject matter described in the present application.

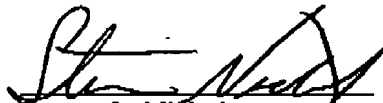
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An examination of claims 1-5, 7-16, 55 and 56 on their merits is now respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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